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LORD ROSEBURY

Says Anything Like Imperial Commercial League Would Weaken the Empire Internally.

(Associated Press.)
London, May 21.—Lord Rosebury expresses surprise that his speech at Burnley, Lancashire, on May 19th, in which he dealt with Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's tariff speech delivered at Birmingham on May 1st, has been interpreted as in any way supporting Mr. Chamberlain's proposal to establish reciprocity between Great Britain and her colonies, and explains that he purposely treated the subject uncontrovertedly because he was addressing a non-political audience. Lord Rosebury adheres absolutely to his opinion that the Liberal party is indissolubly bound to free trade, and that anything like an Imperial Commercial League would weaken the Empire internally, and excite the permanent hostility of the whole world.

GAS WORKERS STRIKE.

Six Hundred Employees of Chicago Company Called Out.

Chicago, May 21.—A general strike of all members of the Gas Workers' Union against the People's Gas Light & Coke Co. was ordered last night by the cen-

tral council of the union. Street men, drip pumps, metal setters and statement takers, to the number of 600, are affected. Efforts will be made to draw the teamsters into the strike. As a cause of the strike men say that 250 men of the union were discharged by the company.

HALF MILLION DAMAGES.

Chicago Firemen Had Hard Time to Prevent Spread of Flames.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, May 21.—Fire that for a time last night threatened the wholesale clothing district at Jackson and Franklin streets did \$500,000 damage before it was subdued. The six-story building at Jackson boulevard was destroyed.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

The Rate of Discount Has Been Reduced to 3½ Per Cent.

(Associated Press.)
London, May 21.—The directors of the Bank of England, at their weekly meeting to-day, reduced the bank's rate of discount from 4 to 3½ per cent. The reduction was attributed partially to offers of American gold and to gold shipments from New York to Paris.

MINERS REJECT DUNSMUIR'S OFFER

DECIDE TO REMAIN IN THE FEDERATION

Vote Taken at Meeting Was Almost Unanimous—Proposal Included a Reduction in Wages.

(Special to the Times.)
Nanaimo, May 21.—Courtesy to expectations, there was no meeting of the miners at Ladysmith last night. Mr. Dunsmuir came up on the evening train and laid a draft of a proposal before the committee. After a short conference it was decided to call a meeting some time to-day.
From miners who arrived here last evening from Ladysmith it was learned that a good many will stay by the Federation, while it is believed that a large number will abandon the organization. None would do so were it not for the fact that there is no relief forthcoming, and that the men are in straitened circumstances. However, two delegates left this morning to attend the convention of the Federation which convenes to-day.

It is reported that at the next meeting of the Miners' Union this relief question will be investigated.
Parker Williams, of the local union, who has been chosen to attend the convention at Denver, interviewed before leaving, thought that should the Federation fail to support Ladysmith and Cumberland more fully than it had done, it might result in its dissolution on the island. He was confident, however, they would extend generous support when matters are laid fully before them. Nanaimo has contributed nearly all the support thus far for the strikers. Should the strike continue it is reported the men will be assessed 10 per cent. of their earnings next month.

Declined.
Nanaimo, May 21.—By an almost unanimous vote the miners at Ladysmith to-day declined Mr. Dunsmuir's offer and decided to stay by the Federation. The terms of the settlement are understood to be the abandonment of the Federation and ten per cent. reduction in wages. All negotiations are now off and the strike will be continued indefinitely. An attempt will be made in a few days to start the work, strike or not.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

Leader of Fanatic Doughbors Arrested—Eighty-Fifth Immigration Train Reaches the City.

(Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, May 21.—Pat Polkin, the chief leader of the fanatic Doughbors, who endeavored to launch a crusade a few weeks ago, has been arrested on the charge of insanity and taken to Prince Albert to await examination.
The number of special C. P. R. immigrant trains this spring is slowly increasing towards the century mark. The eighty-fifth arrived here yesterday afternoon.

A party of husky young college students passed through Winnipeg yesterday en route to British Columbia, where they will spend the next few months employed in railway construction work. The party consisted of eleven young fellows, four of whom are taking divinity courses at Toronto, three studying for the medical profession at Kingston, and the rest are taking up various branches of mining engineering at the Kingston School of Mining.

Chief Inspector Duddleston, in charge of the United States immigration inspection department, and who has been here for several days, holding a party of nineteen Russians who entered the United States at Neche in defiance of the regulations to the contrary, were instructed by the commissioner at Montreal to leave the whole party deported. He will leave with his charges in the morning, and will take them to be disposed of by the Canadian authorities as they seem fit. The people were brought across the boundary by Louis Feigler, of Neche, who is now under \$10,000 bonds, and instructions have been sent by Secretary Shaw to have the man vigorously punished. The maximum penalty in this case is forty years' imprisonment if a separate case is made of each person smuggled in.

REQUEST REFUSED.

Indian Secretary's Reply to Delegates Seeking Abolition of Cotton and Excise Duties.

(Associated Press.)
London, May 21.—Lord George Hamilton, the Indian secretary, received at the Indian office an influential deputation representing the cotton employees and operatives of Lancashire, the members of the House of Commons from the various Lancashire districts and representatives of public bodies of that county, who urged the abolition of Indian cotton and excise duties.

The secretary, however, was unable to meet the wishes of the deputation. He said the government of India could not afford to part with its existing source of taxation, and contended that the excise duty gave an equality of treatment between Lancashire and India, and he undertook that while he was secretary for India the excise duties would be maintained so long as the cotton duties were in operation.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

Premier Laurier Discusses With His Followers Character of Aid To Be Given.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, May 21.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier met Ontario Liberals and the Quebec Liberals in caucus yesterday. The Premier first met his Ontario supporters, afterwards his Quebec followers. The subject discussed was the aid to be given to the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. As there is no opposition to the charter, the only question is as to the amount of aid and what character it will take.
The Premier talked the matter over personally with his supporters and frankly told them his own views. From what can be learned, Sir Wilfrid favors guaranteeing the bonds of the company and taking a first mortgage on the road. If any cash subsidy will be granted it will be very small, and it is doubtful if there will be any. For land grants, there will be none. That is out of the question.

Some parties talked of the government building, but it is scarcely possible this will be done.

The question also of extending the road from Quebec to a Maritime province port was discussed, and this will be done if better arrangements cannot be made with the government roads.

SILVER LEAD.

Deputation To-Day Asked For a Bounty of \$15 Per Ton.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, May 21.—Senator Templeman, with British Columbia lead men, waited on Sir Richard Cartwright to-day and asked for a bounty of \$15 per ton on lead product. This is to assist the miners. There is now a bounty of \$5 a ton on refined lead. This goes to smelters. The mines are now closed down, and \$15 per ton is required to enable them to be worked.

The Royal Society of Canada closed its proceedings to-day. Col. G. T. Denison, of Toronto, was elected president; Benjamin Sulte, Ottawa, vice-president; S. E. Dawson, secretary, and Dr. Fletcher, treasurer. A cable was received from the Duke of Argyll thanking the society for their message and expressing sympathy with the sufferers in the recent Ottawa fire. A resolution was passed asking the government to build a national museum to secure quarters for the Royal Society and its library. The question of the next meeting was left with a committee. The meeting will be held in St. John, N. B., if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

TESTING YACHTS.

First of Trials to Decide Which Boat Is To Meet Lipton's Challenger.

(Associated Press.)
Glencoe, N. Y., May 21.—Preparations were made early to-day on board the two American 90-foot sloops, Columbia and Reliance, for the test of their relative fitness to meet Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock III. They were to sail over a measured course in the sound. Although the absence of the Constitution somewhat marred the interest in to-day's race, there were plenty of yachting enthusiasts on hand to see the other boats. The first arrivals, however, did not find racing conditions particularly favorable, for their was not a whiff of wind during the early morning. But the main sails on both yachts were sent up early, Columbia hoisting hers while at anchor here, while Reliance sent hers up on the other side before she left New Rochelle.

The regatta committee of the New York Yacht Club, under whose auspices the yachts meet in a majority of races this year, had laid out three triangular courses off Glencoe with the start in all of them from the buoy off Mattin Rock point.

The first course was a small almost equilateral triangle of about five miles to a side with a provision for sailing it twice around. The other two courses were obtuse triangles, one of them having a long leg down the sound almost to the Eaton Neck light, 11 miles, then over to the Connecticut shore and back to the finish, while the other had the same long leg down the sound, but with another long leg up the sound to a buoy off Rice and then back to finish. The obtuse triangles were about twenty-six miles round. It was expected that one of these first races would give the prevailing direction of the wind and give the yachts a good test in all points of sailing, reaching, running and beating. At 9 o'clock there was a little air stirring from the westward.

WILL BE EXILED.

Turkish General Proposes to Deport Many Bulgarians and Macedonians.

(Associated Press.)
Constantinople, May 21.—Hilmi Pasha, the inspector-general under the reform movement in European Turkey, is credited with having formulated a plan for the settlement of Anatolia, Asia Minor, or the peninsula forming the western extremity of Asia, and the islands of the archipelago by Bulgarians, whom he proposes to deport wholesale from Macedonia. It is doubtful, however, if the powers will permit this. In the meanwhile Hilmi Pasha has planned to summarily exile to Anatolia the Macedonian prisoners, who are suspected of complicity in the recent events in European Turkey, but who have not been convicted.

MR. S. M. ROBINS GIVES EVIDENCE

HIS EXPERIENCE WITH MINERS' UNION

The Ex-Superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Company Before Labor Commission.

(Special to the Times.)
Nanaimo, May 20.—The royal labor commission held an afternoon sitting at the court house here to-day. Messrs. Bodwell, K. C., and Senkler were present, but all questions were asked by Chief Justice Hunter, the chairman. S. M. Robins, ex-superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Company, was the only witness examined, but he was examined at considerable length. He had been, he said, connected with the company for forty years, first as secretary, and later as superintendent for twenty years. His policy had always been to recognize unions. He had in the early days urged the men to form a union. The membership of the union here had averaged considerably over 1,000 men. There was not one non-union man below ground. The company had from the outset agreed to employ none but union men.

The company during all the time he had been connected with it had never had a strike. This was due to conferences between the executive of the union and the company whenever difficulties arose. Under ordinary circumstances there would be a meeting of the executive and himself about every six months to discuss general questions. Details were fully discussed if necessary. An effort was made to have wages conform to the condition of the market. Matters could be talked over with the executive, which could not be publicly discussed with a body of men. The mutual confidence between the company and the union had never been broken from first to last.

The company had paid a dividend of 5½ per cent. during good and bad times. Asked did the men ever consent to a reduction of wages, Mr. Robins replied: "Not assuredly so. On one special occasion when business in our market was so demoralized that it was hard to sell coal, when the matter was explained to the men, they voluntarily accepted 20 per cent. of a reduction."

The officers of the company had agreed to do the same. A month later the figures were reduced to a 10 per cent. reduction, which continued in operation for seven years, till the market justified a reversion to the old rate. The question of an increase was raised at half yearly meetings, but never in any shape was urged in face of statements made to the executive of the union. At the half yearly meetings a six months' contract was entered into, revised or renewed. These meetings were in the nature of conferences, not arguments. Difficulties were first brought up for adjustment between the underground boss and the individual miner, then brought to notice of underground manager, and only as a last resort did the committee meet the superintendent. Sometimes this final appeal would not occur in a year, and very infrequently at all times. The men made it a point of honor to try and settle the grievances themselves and bother management as little as possible.

Men were paid by the ton, the average wage being per day \$3 to \$3.50, occasionally as high as \$4 and \$5, but very seldom, and most exceptional. \$80, \$90 and \$100 a month was about the best wages the men would earn; \$3 was regarded as a minimum for a fair day's work. Eight hours had always been the rule.

The employment of Chinese in the mines had been discontinued by mutual arrangement in 1887, and had not been resumed since.

The company had sold town lots to men in Nanaimo for \$150 to \$200, mostly at \$50, on nominal payment in a year's time, but in practice always longer. The last three years, because of a gloomy outlook, the company had not allowed men to buy from them.

Mr. Robins explained at some length the system of "B.V." rule, which the company had arranged with a number of the men, on a lease of 21 years, with option of purchase at the end of 10 years. The prices of purchase at that time varied from \$100 to \$200 per acre. Asked as to his experience with interference on the part of unions, Mr. Robins said: "We have never experienced any friction with the miners as a union that we might not have experienced had there been no union." Only on one occasion in the history of the union had the management heard of as much as a hint of the men going on strike, and that was by a member of the executive who was called to order by the rest of the executive.

Asked as to advisability of men joining a foreign organization like the Western Federation of Miners, Mr. Robins said if the organization got into the hands of unscrupulous trusts it might be used to injure industries here, but not necessarily so. It might be creating a safeguard against conditions that might arise for men to join such an organization. He could not oppose men joining a foreign organization to strengthen a local union. The larger the body of men the more effective their voice. In this country there was not a body of men sufficiently large. There might be needs, too, on financial grounds. If he saw that Socialistic doctrines were taught, he would point out to the men the dangers

to be apprehended, but he would not oppose their joining an organization on that ground. He had always felt that his workingmen should be perfectly free to join any organization they pleased, if a foreign organization were masters over a local, that would be a grave danger. If they merely helped men in local trouble he would not oppose it. With an agreement such as he had with his men even a sympathetic strike would be impossible. He thought the rights of an employer to employ union or non-union men could not be interfered with.

For the settlement of disputes, he thought the case hopeless if conciliation failed. He had never used compulsory arbitration. If matters got to a deadlock a compulsory investigation might be a wise step to take. He would under compulsory arbitration have grave doubts as to acquaintance of board of arbitrators with inner matters of a situation. He would have confidence in a board, and he couldn't see how an award could be enforced.

Men of character had always been at the head of the union of his employees. From an employer's point of view, without a union grievances were easily nursed; a well organized union would express anything in the shape of an unfair demand. Where there was no union separate cliques got together and made trouble. Things got ventilated, sifted and brought to a business basis in a union.

He thought that incorporation of the union was a good thing, as it increased the sense of responsibility. He thought men should be allowed to live where they liked; he would not force men to live anywhere against their will.

The commission will continue its sittings here to-morrow, at which time it is expected that the manager of the Western Fuel Company and officers of the local union will be examined.

BARRELS OF FILTH

Got a Chinese Vegetable Vendor Into Trouble—Made a Constable Sick.

Fifteen dollars was the fine imposed on Loos Wy, a Chinese vegetable vendor, in the police court this morning for an infraction of the health by-law. The defendant lives at 27 Chatham street, and the attention of the police was attracted to him and his place by the vile stench which emanated from it. Constables Clayards and Blackstock investigated, and found a couple of barrels full of decayed vegetables and even more objectionable matter. The stench was sickening, and Loos Wy was soon on the programme of the court. He told the officers that the filth was sauerkraut, which, he claimed, accounted for the aggressive atmosphere which arose from it. He informed Constable Clayards that it was "cheap dog" to make vegetables. He said he only supplied his goods to Chinamen.

When Constable Blackstock went to look at the contents of the barrel he was overcome with nausea. The Chinaman was fined as above stated, the alternative being twenty-five days' imprisonment.

Mary Lawson, an old offender, was fined \$7.50 and 21 days for drunkenness. She paid her fine, as did on May, who was fined \$3 or ten days' imprisonment for an infraction of the fire protection by-law. Yesterday the charge of using threatening language, preferred against D. L. Kelly by Mrs. Clark, was dismissed.

DEATH OF W. CHARLES.

Well Known Resident of Victoria Passed Away This Morning.

William Charles, a well known and highly respected citizen, passed away at the family residence, 216 Fort street, to-day. Deceased was 72 years of age and a native of Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was connected with the Hudson Bay Co. practically all his life, retiring some years ago when he held the office of inspecting chief factor of the company. A family of two daughters, Mrs. D. M. Eberts and Mrs. Worsfold, of New Westminster, and one son, William Charles, Jr., of Kamloops, is left to mourn his loss. Mr. Charles resided in this city for many years.

Out of respect to deceased, the Hudson Bay Company's flag was flying at half-mast to-day. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2 p. m. from the residence, and at 2.30 p. m. at Christ Church cathedral.

BEFORE COMMITTEE.

Decision Reserved in Application by Vancouver-New Westminster & Yukon Railway.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, May 20.—The application of the Vancouver, New Westminster & Yukon for leave to cross C. P. R. at Sapperton and to approve of plans of the road was heard by the railway committee of the privy council to-day and decision reserved. A Morrison appeared together with Mr. McGivern and A. S. Gilling, C. E., of Victoria, for the application, Mr. Chrysler, K. C., and Mr. McMullen, together with Mr. McHenry, C. E. for the C. P. R. The committee who heard the application was composed of Hon. A. G. Blair, Sir W. Mulock, Hon. M. E. Bernier and Hon. W. Tupperman.

ARTIST DEAD.

J. Walker, For Love of Whom Widow Committed Suicide, Dies of Pneumonia.

New York, May 21.—John B. Walker, the artist, for love of whom Mrs. Claude G. Erney, a wealthy widow, killed herself by taking carbo acid at the Hotel Navarre a week ago, died yesterday at his wife's home. Walker's determination to return to his wife drove the other woman to suicide. The coroner kept the artist locked up over night, but discharged him next day. After Mrs. Gernsey's funeral he became ill with pneumonia. Three days ago he was unconscious, and he never rallied.

STILL SEEKING FOR THE FACTS

BROWN'S MEMORY PLAYS HIM FUNNY TRICKS

Mr. Duff is Relentlessly Pressing for the Whole Truth in Columbia & Western Transaction.

Before the committee inquiring into the Columbia & Western subsidy matter Geo. McL. Brown gave evidence this morning.

In reply to Mr. Duff he said that he knew Sir Thomas was against the further extension of railroad building in British Columbia in November, 1901. He had told Mr. Wells he thought that the company would discuss the question of a continuation of the lines in any way consistent with the policy of the company.

At his meeting with the cabinet he complained that no notice had been given him of the intention of the ministry to cancel the grants. He expected that he would have explained to them that the question of "political expediency," which the ministry urged was not such, as to require so much fear. It was just possible that having satisfied himself of the conditions that he believed himself better informed than the cabinet.

Asked as to how he acquired this information, Mr. Brown said he supposed by natural absorption. He said that Mr. Duff still further pressed for how he would have found out the position in the House and elicited that a canvass would have had to have been taken of the members of the House either by Mr. Brown himself or by some one for him. His duties were to keep in touch with the House.

Mr. Duff showed a copy of bill 87 sent to Sir Thomas with a note on it dated 15th May, in which Mr. Brown described bill as final proof, which was promised to be introduced at once by Mr. Wells, and also informing Sir Thomas that one day he would not pass these things. Mr. Duff wanted to know if he took the usual steps to ascertain if that bill would be likely to pass.

Mr. Brown said he probably did. He likely found out that it would not pass. He thought that the bill was cancelled, and it was found it would not pass.

Mr. Duff asked if he did not remember that he told some one other than Mr. Oliver that the bill was withdrawn because some one was trying to hold him up.

"Oh, really Mr. Duff," replied Mr. Brown, "I don't recall making a statement which I intended that an inference of that kind should be drawn." He could not recall that he told any one that the bill had to be withdrawn because it was not to be held up to divide up with some one. He could not be held responsible for the inferences which people drew. He might have said something at the time which led to this inference being drawn.

Mr. Duff referred to various letters which referred to Mr. Wells promising on 15th June, 1901, of a bill to restate the company respecting section 4, and also making reference to the contract of 1898. Mr. Duff wanted to know where he got the information as to this agreement of 1898 in the face of the fact that Sir Thomas could not recall any such arrangement made at that time.

He got the answer from Mr. Brown that he did not know where he got his information on the point of an agreement. If Sir Thomas said he did not know about it he must have got it from some other source. He might have got it from Mr. Eberts. Mr. Brown, however, was not sure that he was not present at the interview among members of the Turner government, Sir Williams and Mr. Mann.

He outlined what he had a recollection of being discussed at that time. The government was looking for a railway policy. He gave the details of that arrangement much in the same line as that given by Mr. Eberts. He admitted that the statement in the letter of the 14th March 1902, in which he stated that the company had given up its right to build sections 5 and 6 of the line could not be correct in accordance with that agreement entered into with Mackenzie & Mann, as it was made dependent upon Mackenzie & Mann's failing to construct.

Coming to the question of these lands going to the British Columbia Southern, Mr. Duff pointed out that though Mr. Brown had frequent communications with Sir Thomas, and had also interviews with him, yet he kept the fact from the president of the C. P. R. that these lands had passed to the British Columbia Southern.

Mr. Brown said that he had no recollection of these grants having gone to the British Columbia Southern.

Mr. Duff thought that was ridiculous that within six months after having prepared the maps and gone to all the work of getting them that he should forget them. The maps bore his handwriting. Mr. Brown said it would make no difference any way. He did not know that he had made the suggestion to transfer the lands to the Columbia & Western.

Mr. Duff wanted to know if the witness did not propose that the transfer of the lands from the British Columbia Southern to the Columbia & Western was not done so that the construction could be put upon it that it had not originated with the company. Mr. Duff

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, May 21—5 a. m.—As the barom-
eter is steadily rising over the North
Pacific Coast and is comparatively low
further south, our weather is likely to be
fair and warm for several days. Showers
have been general from Washington to
California; sharp frosts have occurred in
the Upper Fraser valley, and snow is fall-
ing in Northern Alberta; from the latter
eastward to Manitoba the weather is fair
and warm.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday.
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate
winds, fine and comparatively warm to-
day and Friday.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate
winds, generally fair, and warm to-day
and Friday.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.92; temperature,
39; minimum, 39; wind, calm; weather,
clear.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.92;
temperature, 36; minimum, 34; wind, 4
miles E.; weather, clear.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.82; tempera-
ture, 38; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather,
clear.
Hartleyville—Barometer, 29.89; tempera-
ture, 37; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather,
clear.
San Francisco—Barometer, 29.96; tem-
perature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 10 miles
W.; weather, clear.
Port Simpson—Barometer, 29.94; tem-
perature, 42; minimum, 34; wind, 6 miles
E.; weather, fair.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.82; tempera-
ture, 62; minimum, 52; wind, calm; snow,
trace; weather, snow.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer *Charm* from Vancouver—
P. O. Davidge, Mrs. Constock, Mrs. Beal-
ham, Allen Buck, John Sullivan and wife,
Wm. Robson, wife and family, Miss A.
Lowden, Frank Kirk, S. Obinger, B. T.
Rogers and wife, Mrs. J. Bonser, Wm. Par-
rell, A. B. Goodman, J. H. Kirk, C. Cobbett,
Mrs. Kiburg, C. D. Rand, B. Tiffen,
Arthur Robertson, Wm. Cook, B. P. Gilman,
D. B. Watson, Geo. Hase, J. Hulbert, J.
Turnbull, J. Meyer, G. Tysman, Miss M.
McDonald, A. C. Gordon, L. B. Joseph, B.
Kylie, G. Holland, L. S. Nicholson, W. Low-
den.
Per steamer *Majestic* from the Sound—
C. Marcus, Jas. Stealey and wife, R. Tyson,
R. F. Tyson, Miss Tyson, N. T. Castle, Mrs.
Bloomfield, Miss Glen, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs.
Shand, Miss Shand, Mrs. Adams, Mrs.
Doyle, C. Moon and wife, Mrs. Winslow,
Mrs. Long, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. I. Miller,
G. H. Holmes, S. L. Lohr and Co., D. Y. Patton,
D. P. Hines, Miss Lott, Thos. Murphy,
Miss Williams, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Green, C.
Butler.

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cisco—Arden White, Albin Iron, Wks.
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Co., F. R. Stewart, Fletcher Bros., G. J.
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Todd & Co., J. Barnard & Co., Marlin Iron
Wks., Pioneer Coffee & S. Mills, Price Pre-
serving Co., B. Baker & Sons, L. B. Byrn &
Co., S. J. Pitts, S. Lohr & Co., D. Y. Patton,
Turner, B. & Co., Terry & Marrett, Vic
Chem Co., Vic Machy Depot, Vic Phoenix
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H. Pennington, W. H. Adams, Wm. Mable, W.
J. Wilson, Wilson Bros.

OSWALD TELLS OF THE DELIVERY

EASTERN WITNESSES' EVIDENCE COMPLETED

Secretary of the Columbia & Western
Subjected to a Trying Cross-
Examination.

Yesterday afternoon completed the ex-
amination of the officials of the C. P. R.
who came from Montreal to give evi-
dence before the committee inquiring into
the Columbia & Western subsidy mat-
ter.

Upon resuming the inquiry Sir Thomas
Shaughnessy's cross-examination was
continued by Mr. Helmecken. The presi-
dent of the C. P. R. said that he did not
know that the railway company could
have put its contention for blocks 4,583
and 4,594 in the shape of a claim. The
question of whether the government had
the right to go outside the land contig-
uous to the line of railway for its subsidy
was a legal matter into which he did
not care to go. The complaint against
the government was that a grant hav-
ing been made, and having had the great
seal attached, the government by an ex-
parte proceeding cancelled it and that
the legislature, on the advice of the gov-
ernment, took a similar course and pas-
sed legislation depriving the company of
a right to these lands.

Mr. Helmecken called attention to the
copy of a bill practically the same as
87, which was apparently received by
witness on May 15th. He wanted to
know why, with that in his possession,
he sent a message to Brown urging him
not to say anything about the action to
be taken in the courts until after the
House prorogued.

Sir Thomas replied that he regarded
the bill as intended to simply grant a
subsidy for section 4 without 5, and 6
being built. He had not the slightest
idea who drafted the bill. In Ottawa,
Mr. Creelman generally drafted the
bills. He did not know who had acted
for Mr. Brown in fact Brown had such
experience in this province that he
might possibly have undertaken to draft
it himself. He took no interest in that
detail, but left it entirely to Brown. Sir
Thomas said: "I put the ship in charge
of a captain and left it to him."

"Well, the ship ran on the rocks," re-
turned Mr. Helmecken. "Yes," returned
Sir Thomas.

"That was the fault of the captain,"
persisted his questioner. "Well, it
might be, or it might be the fault of the
rocks," returned witness.

In the fall of 1902, when he saw Mr.
Wells, he was protesting against the
non-delivery of the grants. He assumed
from the remarks of the Chief Commis-
sioner that the ministers would seek
legal advice, and if he found the com-
pany had the right to them they would
be handed over.

Mr. Helmecken asked what he meant
in his letter in reply to the memorandum
submitted by Wells, when he referred
to the crying need of British Columbia
not being additional railway mileage at
the expense of the government, but
more energetic work in the forest, field
and mine, and which was apparent to
every person familiar with the condi-
tions that prevailed in the province who
had not been unduly influenced by the
methods of railway speculators and con-
tractors.

Witness said that in doing so he was
moved by the fact that from session to
session the time of the legislature was
being taken up by granting all kinds of
charters to all kinds of people to build
railway lines in British Columbia. The
time of the House had been diverted
from what, to him, were far more im-
portant matters, such as the irrigation
of the valleys, the rapid utilization of
the forest products, the development of
its mineral resources. These all re-
quired attention, and would have given
much better returns than the promoting
of railways. He added that in doing so
he had in view that whenever an appli-
cation was made by his company to the
charter of railways, applications invariably
were forthcoming. He had known these
self-same charters, when granted, to
come to his attention again, as a pro-
fessed sale from Minneapolis or New
York. He said he had intended some
time to build a line through the Nicola
valley; in fact he had hoped this year
to do something in that way. He did not
want to be threatened by the government
using its resources to aid some rival
line. This was what he referred to in
"regretting the adoption of a govern-
ment policy that might so affect the com-
pany's interests in British Columbia as
to render its continuance in the line
in that country unwise and undesirable."

He said he wanted that country reserved
for themselves for a reasonable time. He
had informed Mr. Wells that with re-
spect to having Mackenzie & Mann
enter Cariboo or northern sections of the
province the C. P. R. had no objections,
but he thought that his company having
expended so much in the southern part
of the province they were entitled not to
be interfered with in that part. He re-
iterated that there was absolutely no
connection between the handing over of
the grants and the building of the line
to Spence's Bridge.

He had no recollection of discussing
the land subsidy in 1898 with members
of the Turner government. He remem-
bered the discussion of the railway ques-
tion at that time. It was quite possible
that the subject of land also came up as
it did during the Semlin regime.

Mr. Helmecken asked if in the time of
the Semlin negotiations it was not fol-
lowed by proposed legislation.
Sir Thomas replied that it had, and
that a bill was introduced. He supposed
that would have had to be followed
by legislation. He said that there had been
a departure from the Semlin regime.
He knew nothing until within the last few
days of this clause in bill 87, under
which these blocks could have been
secured.
Mr. McCall asked if he had under-
stood Sir Thomas to say that Wells had



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led him to believe that he was not go-
ing to take the grants back to Victoria,
but that he was going to remain in the
East for a little time, and would return
there before he left for the West.

Witness said this was what he under-
stood.

This terminated the cross-examination
of Sir Thomas, and Mr. Oswald, secre-
tary of the Columbia & Western, was
called.

II. C. Oswald, who is also chief clerk
to Secretary Drinkwater, of the C. P. R.,
said that the only matter which he had
any connection with related to the de-
livery of the crown grants. He said
that on November 20th, 1901, he
handed him certified copies of the orders-
in-council dated 10th September, and 25
crown grants on the understanding that
he would call in the morning and get
receipts for them. He took them back
to his vault and deposited them there.
Wells came in some time afterwards and
wanted two of them, the receipts and in-
formation, and said he would give the re-
ceipts in the morning. He made out re-
ceipts, but learned after doing so that
two of the grants were to go back. "I
tore up the receipts," he added, "and
made out new ones. Wells came in next
morning and got the receipts and infor-
mation, and said he would give the re-
ceipts in the morning. After the present
investigation began he had told Sir
Thomas that these grants had been in
his possession for 24 hours.

Cross-examined by Mr. Duff, witness
said the files of correspondence between
Brown's office and Montreal would, he
supposed, be kept in Vancouver. He
did not know that these were sent to
Montreal. He never heard that this
took place. He personally drew up the
receipts. On the evening of the 20th he
drew them up on the instructions of the
president, he thought. He was infor-
mation that the grants were satisfactory.
He must have acted under instructions
from the president, Mr. Drinkwater or
Mr. Creelman. He drafted the receipts
on the evening of the 20th, and on the 21st
these were submitted to the legal de-
partment. Mr. Creelman put a foot
on the receipts. Witness destroyed
them in the morning.

Mr. Oswald was subjected to a very
severe cross-examination by Mr. Duff,
and became considerably disturbed, but
adhered to his story. Mr. Duff contin-
ued that he had said that the grants
were delivered for safe keeping.

In reply to Mr. McCall, witness said
he entered the C. P. R. service in 1887
at a salary of \$12 a month. If he was
not expecting further promotion, Wit-
ness replied that he had been looking
for it for two years.

Mr. McCall inquired after his present
salary, but this was ruled out of order
by the committee.

In reply to Mr. McCall, witness said

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that he liked it.

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and he began to improve at once. In
less than a month he had gained about
eight pounds and soon became as well
and strong we had no further anxiety
about him."

"An old patient of mine, 73 years old,
came down with serious stomach trouble
and before I was called he got so weak
he could eat almost nothing, and was in
a serious condition. He had, himself,
tried almost every kind of food for the
sick without avail."

"I immediately put him on Grape-
Nuts with good rich milk and just a lit-
tle bit of sugar. He exclaimed when I
came next day 'Why doctor I never
ate anything so good or that made me
feel so much stronger.' I am pleased to
say that Grape-Nuts cured him, but he
had to stick to it for two or three weeks,
then he began to branch out a little with
rice or an egg or two. He got entirely
well in spite of his almost hopeless con-
dition. He gained 22 pounds in two
months which at his age is remarkable.
I could quote a list of cases where
Grape-Nuts has worked wonders. This
doctor's name will be given by the Posi-
tum Co., Battle Creek, Mich., on ap-
plication."

cerned. The government, he expected,
would intervene, as had been done in
Ontario in many cases, and in that way
a decision would be reached, which the
government would abide by. This was
accordingly done.

Mr. Wells raising the question as to
the government's right to issue the
grants, never inferred that the matter
was incomplete, and that they might not
be delivered. He told Mr. Wells that
the company was prepared to take them
and to take full responsibility. Witness
said that he could not see any use in
discussing it now after the grants had
been prepared.

This concluded the examination of the
C. P. R. officials from Montreal. Mr.
Brown, however, will be recalled.
The committee adjourned at 6.15 until
to-day.

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DOMINION REDISTRIBUTION.

The last redistribution of constituencies for the Dominion House was the cause of an acrimonious discussion which dragged along for months. Under the plan adopted by the Laurier government the basis of adjustment was agreed upon in a few minutes, and there is a probability that the most delicate matter with which governments are called upon to deal may be disposed of after little more than just enough opposition to satisfy the conscience of the Conservative party and let its supporters in the country know that it is performing the duty of an opposition. For the province of Ontario the unit of population will be 25,000. All counties under that unit and up to a unit and a half are entitled to one member. Counties over a unit and a half and up to two units will be accorded three members. The total representation of Ontario will be 86 members. Under the redistribution two new members must be given to New Ontario, and the addition of the suburban population to Toronto will mean another member for that city. Including the six which the province must lose by its failure to increase in the necessary proportion of population, this makes nine members to come off old Ontario's representation.

With respect to the other provinces, there will be no changes of counties in Quebec, but all the personal and township alterations made at the last gerrymander are remedied and original county limits re-established.

In Nova Scotia Victoria will be merged in Cape Breton, and Pictou is to lose a member. In Prince Edward Island representation will be in accordance with census. In New Brunswick Albert will be merged in King's.

THE INVESTIGATION.

The investigation proceeding across the bay has reached the final stages. That is something to be devoutly thankful for. The limitations of the English language interpose an insurmountable barrier to such comments would do full justice to the case. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy has added his testimony to that already taken, and notwithstanding the fact that he made a favorable impression, he left the mystery as deep and unfathomable as ever, the statements of ministers and other dependents as irreconcilable as ever. One point is clear enough, however, and that should assist the committee in arriving at a speedy conclusion as to the nature of the report they intend to present. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company was specially anxious to secure two particular blocks of land known by its agent to be particularly rich in materials valuable to it in its business as a large consumer of fuel. It desired to be placed in possession of some weapon wherewith to club the Crown's Nest Coal Company into literal compliance with an agreement entered into between the two concerns in regard to the terms of which there seems to have been a misunderstanding. It is claimed, of course, by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy that if the good had been placed in the hands of his company by the government it would have been used in an entirely benevolent manner. If a certain transfer of a land grant had taken place the C. P. R. might have been relieved of a specified legal obligation towards the coal company but the moral claims would have been admitted and discharged to the very letter. Still the positions of the two warring concerns would have been reversed, which would have been a very desirable commutation even from the point of view of a mellow-minded, altruistic and non-aggressive institution as the C. P. R.

Then there is the ghost of the Pacific Coast Company to be laid. The company may have been merely a phantom, as claimed by Sir Thomas. It is possible, however, that if the opinion of the Crown's Nest Coal Company could be obtained it would be found to coincide with ours that if the deal with the government, or, failing with the government, with the House, had gone through, that ghost would have assumed very substan-

tial form, would have been a very busy spirit indeed, and would have had a lot in the market with the least possible loss of time. There is no doubt there were elements in the government and in the House that were conspiring to that end.

A great deal of what has been disclosed by the evidence is beyond comprehension, except upon the assumption that there was a plot on foot that was not hatched with a single eye to the welfare of the province. If the Canadian Pacific Railway Company merely wanted the grants to which it was legally entitled, surely it was not necessary for it to keep its "executive agent" constantly upon the ground spurring the government on to do what it was legally obliged to do. There has never yet been a government in British Columbia that by its acts exhibited a desire to incur the hostility of the C. P. R. That company has never had any reason to dread the opposition of governments in this province. As Mr. Brown reports himself to have said in an eloquent plea to the executive council for justice: "It is not necessary, Mr. Drummond, for me to assure you that the company have no desire to embarrass the government. You have had too many practical demonstrations of its goodwill towards you to look upon it as an enemy." Now it surely could not have occurred to the government that the Legislature would interpose any objections to the railway company securing all that was its due under the subsidy acts. The ministers had received too many practical evidences of the goodwill of the C. P. R. to entertain any doubts as to the sentiments of the company. Here were the two parties each bound to do the fullest measure of justice to the other. Wherefore the necessity for all the intriguing and mystery which have characterized their actions? Why all the journeyings to and fro, the lobbying, and the final evasion and lying in the attempt to escape the consequences of acts which on the surface were perfectly innocent and justifiable?

It is all very perplexing. Part of the House was willing to endorse the deal, but only upon conditions which were thought too onerous by the company. The conspirators halted too long on the brink of the gulch of political expediency. Then they became alarmed by the persistence of the members who wanted to know. And the whole plot was revealed, or rather fragments of it escaped, and those who care to take the trouble may put them together according to their individual bias and contemplate with what satisfaction they can the finished structure.

We are satisfied the province hopes the committee will lose no time in making its report and the Legislature just as little time in acting upon it. In case there should develop a disposition to follow precedents unworthy of British Columbia or any other self-respecting country for the purpose of evading an appeal to the people, we have no doubt the Lieut.-Governor will adopt a course which can only be undertaken under the deepest sense of responsibility. The reproach must be removed from the province. That is a duty which must be entrusted to the people.

LATEST SCANDAL.

One would have thought the government of British Columbia to be involved deeply enough in the mire already. But scandals accumulate. The Island Power Company was understood to get from the Lands and Works Department a reserve of one hundred square miles of timber for conversion into wood pulp. In reality about seven hundred square miles has been reserved. Some one made a "clerical error," or neglected to verify the data furnished the department. There is something radically wrong about the manner of conducting business in the departments. Here are drafts of orders in council and bills floating in through the windows, coming from no one knows whither, followed a few months later by this incomprehensible multiplication of the area of a grant. Surely there has been enough trouble in solving mysteries already without the addition of this latest matter for investigation. There will probably be trouble over this thing and changes of reputation. The concessionaires claim they have transferred their multiplied interests to an English syndicate and will naturally hold that the government cannot honorably withdraw. Then will come the complications. It may be true the transfer was made hastily and should be quite as much a subject for suspicion as the original concession is, but such an allegation will not relieve the government from embarrassment. And its present situation should be sufficiently embarrassing. The ministers have evidently lost their grasp of things. They should resign. The Legislature will perform an act of mercy if when it meets again it grants supply without loss of time. Then the government can resign or be kicked out, which ever course it believes most fully conforms with the poor remains of its dignity.

The C. P. R. hotel scheme is now before the ratepayers of Victoria in definite form. It is in the hands of men who will not permit it to slip out of sight and never be heard of again for a decade or so. If Sir Thomas Shaughnessy is in earnest Victorians will soon receive proof of it. According to the act under which Victoria is permitted to carry on business it appears the concessions asked by the president of the C. P. R. cannot be granted. But that obstacle will scarcely stand in the way if it be found that the

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We knew that speech of Mr. Chamberlain's would create an uproar. It has, and in other countries besides Great Britain. There may be up and downs to the question now that it has been definitely brought forward, the Colonial Secretary may not live to see it finally disposed of, but it will remain a live political topic until it is firmly grasped and ultimately overcome. Foreign nations will force a settlement.

For the information of a correspondent we may state that Mr. Jameson was sentenced by the courts to fifteen months' imprisonment for the part he played in the raid which will be known to history by his name.

MR. GAMEY'S COUNSEL.

Toronto Star.
Mr. Gamey's counsel have now a curious task before them. If they prove his charges—that he received the money—they will prove at the same time that he meant to keep it.

If they prove Mr. Stratton a briber, it will have been proved by Mr. Gamey's own testimony that he was bribed. If they succeed in expelling Mr. Stratton from the legislature, they will succeed also in expelling Mr. Gamey.

On the other hand, if they do not convict Mr. Stratton of bribery, they do convict Mr. Gamey of perjury. This is the extraordinary position Mr. Gamey's counsel find themselves in.

WHY TEACHERS LAUGH.

Philadelphia Record.
The following are copies of the "cases" recently received by a Philadelphia school teacher:

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Dear Teacher:—Please excuse James for being absent. We have a pet goat and he set up his Jamesian pants. His father couldn't get him any until yesterday.

HEARSAY EVIDENCE.

From the Hamilton Herald.
Another queer cleric is the Rev. A. B. Chambers, who addressed the Toronto Ministerial Association yesterday on the subject of the theatre. He confessed that he never witnessed a theatrical performance, but he was quite certain that the theatre is "beyond redemption." Mr. Chambers may be a very good man, but on this question his testimony must be ruled out as hearsay evidence.

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Our work rooms have been able to turn out more hats this week for stock than for orders and we have a nice lot ready for the next two days, at popular prices, \$3.50 to \$10.00. New Panamas, New Boaters and Sailors, and a splendid lot of Children's Sun Hats.

Women's Gloves
for the 24th

Washable Kid Gloves are growing in demand. They are dressy and at the same time practical; for they are perspiration proof, and when soiled, a little soap and water will make them as fresh as ever.
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Shoes for the 24th

A little late, but just in time for Victoria Day.

380 pairs Ladies' Kid Oxfords, patent toe, light sole. Special price... \$2.00 pair
260 pairs Ladies' Vic Kid, Welted, patent toe, all widths. Special price... \$2.50
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Trilby Oxfords; perfect in style, comfortable in fit... \$2.00 pair

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Boys' Clothing

To-Morrow we place on sale a consignment of Suits at One-Third less than regular value.

These Suits came to hand this week from the makers, consigned to a clothing house in the city, but were not delivered for reasons best known to themselves. The makers' representative being in the city, asked us to make an offer for them, which we did, and our offer was accepted.

\$2.50 for \$3.50, \$4, and \$4.50 Suits

In the lot are suits of light and dark, Tweed Coat, with Sailor Collar, Vests, trimmed head, ages 4 to 8.

Fancy Suits of Blue Cloth, trimmed with head for small boys.

Also Flannel Blouse Suits, every one worth \$4.50.

Two-piece Homespun Suits, Norfolk Jackets. We will sell the above Friday at \$2.50 suit.

These suits were purchased for the Summer Trade, and every one is a Bargain, doubly so just now when they are wanted.

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At 50c.—Table of Belts in stitched taffeta, moire, plain and with back pieces; also in black seal leather.

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At 50c.—Commercial Envelopes; box of 500; 50c. box.

At \$1.00.—White Wave, best quality Envelopes, box of 500; \$1.00 box.

At 40c.—Ye Ancient Pique, box containing 50 sheets paper and 50 envelopes to match.

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The display this year beats any previous year.

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City News in Brief.
—Going to Vancouver or Westminster? Take the Terminal railway at 7.00 a. m. daily.
—Fast steamers for Skagway. Dolphin sails May 29th and June 9th; Humboldt sails May 24th. E. E. Blackwood agent.
—Cheap excursion rates to Seattle. May 22nd and 23rd, account President Roosevelt's visit. Only \$2.00 for round trip. Tickets good to return until May 25th on both Majestic and Rosalie.

—Hundreds of Rugs.—We do not exaggerate, we never do. Our stock of rugs is very large; no one need go without one when the prices are so low and the quantities so good. Fancy a rug that will last for years can be bought for \$3 and up. Weiler Bros.

—Sectional Bookcases.—Every up-to-date library is fitted with sectional bookcases. You can build your bookcase to any size you may require it to be. Our sectional bookcases are neat, compact, clean, easily moved from place to place. Our salesmen will show you the merits of our common-sense bookcase. Weiler Bros.

—President Roosevelt arrives at Seattle on May 23rd at 1.30 p.m., and leaves for Everett at 3.30 p.m., returning again to Seattle at 9.10 p.m. A flotilla of all the boats in Seattle harbor will meet President Roosevelt's steamer at Alki Point and follow it to Seattle, and when he starts to Everett this flotilla will accompany him to West Point light. The Rosalie will leave here at 6.30 a.m. on Saturday, reaching Seattle in time to witness the marine procession.

—A co-operative creamery has been successfully floated on Salt Spring Island. It is proposed to go on at once with the building and get the creamery running as soon as possible. The following is a list of officers: President, H. W. Bullock; vice-president, G. Scott; directors, S. T. Conery, W. E. Scott, Edward Walters, treasurer, E. Lee, J. R. P. Legh, J. Horrel, J. Harrison; secretary, H. O. Allen. The site of the creamery is at Ganges Harbor.

—The Edison theatre has a very attractive programme this week. Frank Gilmore and Olive LeMoine appear in a musical comedy sketch entitled "An Up-to-Date Woman," in which Miss LeMoine plays a beautiful violin solo. Harry B. Harrison sings the illustrated song "In Good Old Fairyland," and Jas. Harriman, black face comedian, sings the "Phonologist Coo." Ed. Canon, eccentric extemporaneous singer and dancer, amuses all. The latest morning pictures, "The Astronomer's Dream," "Caught in the Act," "The Other Fellow's Laundry," etc., close the performance.

—The musical given last evening by the Misses Seacroft was a pronounced success in every particular. The programme was first class, and was much enjoyed by the large number present. The following ladies and gentlemen assisted the Misses Seacroft in the programme: Mrs. G. J. Burnett, Miss Baker, Miss Nora McCoy, Misses Stoddart, Mrs. J. Manville Williams, of Calville, Wash., and Messrs. Seacroft, Okell, Gordon and Longfield. While every number was well received, especial enthusiasm greeted Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Williams in their singing. Miss Stoddart and J. Longfield in their violin duet, and Miss Nora McCoy in her reciting.

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—According to a dispatch from Toronto six carloads of live stock, valued at \$10,000, have been shipped by the Live Stock Association to this province.
—A meeting of the Vancouver branch of the Mining Association will be addressed by John Klen, president of the provincial organization, to-morrow night.
—Divine services will be held at Congregation Emanuel to-morrow (Friday) evening at 7.30. Rabbi Montague N. A. Cohen will deliver a sermon on "Israel's Rallying Cry."

—Mr. Gordon, organizer of the Sons of Scotland, is visiting the city. A special meeting of Sporside Camp is called for 8 o'clock on Friday evening in Sir William Wallace hall, and all members are requested to attend for the purpose of meeting Mr. Gordon.

—The celebration finance committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon, when a report was submitted by the Mayor, showing the collections to be \$1,371. About \$400 more is to be collected. It was decided on motion of Gus Hartnagle, seconded by C. L. Cullen, that no further appropriations be made.

—Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Geo. S. Funn took place at 2.30 o'clock from the residence, No. 190 Market street. Religious services were conducted by Rev. H. J. Wood, both at the house and grave. There was a large attendance and many handsome floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. R. Tubbs, J. Hunter, R. Pollock, John Bays, W. Hill and Joseph Bays.

—The contract for the erection of the Rosen building on Government street, opposite the post office, has been awarded to Messrs. Hiltz & Smith, and will be only signed this afternoon. Work will be commenced on Tuesday next, Monday being a holiday. The proposed building has already been described in these columns. The figure is in the neighborhood of \$12,000. Messrs. Hooper & Watkins are the architects.

—Habeas corpus proceedings over the possession of a little infant girl from the Refugio Home have been begun before Mr. Justice Wulken. The parties to the legal fight are James Murray and wife, who two years ago adopted the youngster, and who are now disputing another's claim to it. The case came up in court this morning, and was remanded until to-morrow. In the meanwhile Sheriff Richards has the child in his charge.

—At the close of the regular meeting of the Sons of England on Tuesday evening, Bro. Dr. Gibbs gave another very interesting lecture on the mind and human body, after which a lively discussion took place. A hearty vote of thanks was then tendered to the lecturer, and the proceedings closed with the National Anthem. The annual church parade will be held on Sunday, 24th inst., leaving the A. O. U. W. hall at 2.30 p. m. for the Calvary Baptist church. The Fifth Regiment band will be in attendance, and a large turnout is expected.

—The funeral of the late Dixon Irvin took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the family residence, 46 South Turf street. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. Bishop Edgely at the house and grave. There were a large number of floral offerings, among them being a handsome cross from the officials of the treasury department, by whom he was most highly esteemed. The following gentlemen, all connected with the finance department, acted as pallbearers: J. McE. Smith, Jno. Anderson, H. A. S. Morley, C. R. Nairn, Jas. Flett and S. McE. Smith.

—At last night's regular semi-monthly meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council the committee on technical education reported the result of Tuesday evening's meeting, and requested the appointment of a committee of five to act in conjunction with the committee appointed at the police gathering to apply to the provincial government and city council for aid in the establishment of a school for technical training in the city. The civic committee asked for the names of four representatives of organized labor, two to be submitted to the provincial government and two to the city council for consideration as representatives on the Royal Jubilee hospital board. The Painters' Union endorsed the technical school movement, and the Blacksmiths' Union thanked the council for its services in bringing the recent strike to a successful issue. Secretary Chas. Hilton, of the Building Trades Council, Vancouver, wrote that there was no shortage of bricklayers in that city, and requested Victoria bricklayers to govern themselves accordingly.

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PLANS SHOWN TO THE PRESIDENT

ANOTHER CONFERENCE RELATIVE TO HOTEL

Matter to Come Before C.P.R. Directors in About Two Weeks—Prompt Action is Expected.

Another conference relative to the hotel matter was held at the Driad last evening between Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, and Mayor McAndrews, J. A. Mara and Herbert Cuthbert. The committee were accompanied by F. M. Rattenbury, the architect, who at the instance of the Tourist Association had prepared a plan of the ground and site of the proposed hotel. The sketch is based on a plan drawn in the city engineer's office some time ago in connection with the reclamation scheme. It was proposed to have a street from Douglas extension to the causeway, leaving considerable space between the rear of the factories on Humboldt street and this northern boundary of the main area.

This will not only meet with the approval of the president, who desires a square if possible, but it will also save some valuable property to the city. It should be strictly understood that it is not proposed to give the company the entire flats, as seems to be the impression in some quarters. On the contrary the area bounded by Government, Douglas street extension, Belleville and the street to be constructed marking the northern boundary, does not amount to more than four and a half acres. All the space east of Douglas street and as before mentioned, the land between the new street and Humboldt, will be retained by the city. Naturally the erection of the hotel will immensely enhance its value, and more than pay for the construction of the new thoroughfare. Mr. Rattenbury's plan of the hotel grounds shows the land to be about four hundred by five hundred feet.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy appeared to be satisfied with the plan and inquired if it was advisable for the foundation to be put in before the remainder of the filling was proceeded with. The architect replied affirmatively, which makes it possible for the inauguration of the operations at an earlier date than is generally expected. Sir Thomas, however, desires to be able to confine the work as quickly as possible when it is once commenced, and it would therefore be important that the reclamation scheme be pushed forward with dispatch immediately the facilities are available.

The architect also showed the president a sketch plan representing a building of about a hundred and fifty rooms. The latter said that this would be inadequate. They would want a building not less than three hundred rooms.

In reply to the question as to when the matter would come before the directors, Sir Thomas said that it was to be a meeting on June 2nd, when his recommendation would be duly made. He did not doubt that it would be acted upon. The company would then be ready to commence work as soon as the ratepayers endorsed the scheme.

Mayor McAndrews expressed himself unfavorable to granting the company exemption from taxation for twenty years. Sir Thomas thereupon said he was willing to reduce the period to fifteen years. He further mentioned that he had not given the matter much consideration until he had heard the representations of the committee. These had impressed him with the fact that the people were doing their utmost for their city, and as thought the company would contribute to this end.

Before the by-law can be submitted to the ratepayers for their opinion it will be necessary for an amendment to section 1, clause 50, of the Municipal Clauses Act, which says in part:

"No by-law shall be passed providing exemption from water or electric light rates unless such by-law provides a limit to the quantity of water or electric light which is to be exempt. Nothing herein contained shall authorize the granting of any bonus or exemption from taxes and water or electric light rates in favor of any manufacturing, industrial, undertaking, or enterprise already established."

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And KEITH'S CELEBRATED SHOES for men in Vici Kid and Valour; made on five different lasts, Every one up to date, for..... **\$5.00**
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lished and carrying on its operations within the municipal limits.
The required amendment will likely be rushed into the hands of the local members without delay, and it is not apprehended that there will be any difficulty in securing the necessary legislation.
Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, H. C. Oswald and H. Creelman left last night for Montreal. The special committee appointed to interview the railroad magnate will report to the general committee which meets this afternoon.

SHIPPING

KEEMUN BRINGS MACHINERY.
A further consignment of machinery for the new S. P. R. steamer Princess Beatrice arrived from Glasgow on the trip from Yokohama being the whaling laque Wanderer, of New Bedford, which was sent two days out from Yokohama.
The Keemun reports an uneventful passage, the only vessel sighted on the trip from Yokohama being the whaling laque Wanderer, of New Bedford, which was sent two days out from Yokohama.
According to a Vancouver report three liners of the China Mutual line is to follow the Keemun—Asoo, Ajax and Hayao—are to bring large shipments of coal to the C. P. R. from Japan.

MARINE NOTES.
The little yacht Whirham arrived from Vancouver last evening bringing to Victoria President Drysdale, of the Alaska Packers' Association, who, it will be remembered, made several visits to Victoria last year, and H. F. Fortman. The steamer remained over in port until this morning and then returned to the Sound.
The British ship Celtic Race, which was spoken by the coal laden ship Mylome one for a fortnight ago, arrived in the Royal Roads last evening. The vessel comes from Callao seeking.
The American barkentine Makawell, 821 tons, has completed loading her cargo of lumber at the Hastings mill, for Osaka, Japan. She has on board 1,025,036 feet.

Steamer Anur went around to the dock this morning for a cleaning and painting. The steamer will take her place in the northern service on Tuesday next.
A cable from Yokohama advises that the steamship Shainano Maru arrived at that port last Sunday afternoon.
Steamer Meteor is on the Esquimaux Marine railway undergoing repairs.

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The Westside

EXCEPTIONAL Friday Bargains

Friday Bargain Day and just before a holiday. That gives a double incentive for big business to-morrow. We have made extra efforts in the way of value-giving and present our list of bargain offerings with the greatest confidence and pride, knowing that it is one of the best we have printed this season. It bristles with suggestions of needs for holiday comfort and enjoyment. Read the list carefully:

Belts and Chatelaines
Chatelaine Bags, in cut steel or oxidized, gilt and silver, chain, now selling at \$1.50 and \$1.75 each. YOUR CHOICE ON FRIDAY FOR..... **75c**
Large steel Chatelaine Bags, with oxidized silver facings. Our Regular \$1.75 bag. FRIDAY..... **\$1.00**
Ladies' Belts, a few odd lines in Black Velvet, Leather, Elastic and Fancy Black Appliqued Cloth over White Satin. Regular values were 50c. to \$1.00 each. FRIDAY..... **20c**
Ladies' Stylish Black Velvet Belts, handsomely trimmed with cut steel and gilt. Regular price \$1.50 each. FRIDAY..... **50c**
Ladies' White Belts, beautifully tucked, with oxidized metal clasp. Regular value \$1.25 each. FRIDAY..... **65c**

\$1 Wrappers at 65c
Ladies' Smart Fancy Print Wrappers, in handsome designs of Cardinal, Marine, Navy, Grey, Pale Blue and Black with White, made with tight fitting lining, all stock. Regular price \$1.00 each. FRIDAY..... **65c**

75c Gloves at 50c
Ladies' Stylish Taffeta Silk Lined Gloves. Regular value 75c. FRIDAY..... **50c**
Ladies' White Chambray Washing Gloves, with White lace or embroidery, all sizes, per pair. SPECIAL FRIDAY..... **65c**

\$1.25 Blouses at 65c
Ladies' White Muslin Blouses, in several broken lines, handsomely trimmed with either lace or embroidery, not every size in each style, but all sizes in the lot. Regular price \$1.25 and \$1.40 each. FRIDAY..... **65c**

90c Blouses at 35c
Ladies' Fancy Print Blouses, in pretty colorings, also a few White Lawn Blouses slightly soiled. Regular price 90c. each. YOUR CHOICE ON FRIDAY..... **35c**

MILLINERY SPECIAL.—All Imported Hats at Half Price.

Hosiery and Underwear
Friday is going to be a successful day in the Hosiery and Underwear Department—three matchless good lines having been scheduled for selling then. Each offering deserves unusual prominence, but we'll remain content to tell a terse tale, and let you do the rest.
Ladies' Fine Black Cotton Hosiery, Hermsdorf dye, spliced heels and toes, 40 gauge, full fashioned, exceptional good value, per pair. FRIDAY..... **12c**
Ladies' Fancy Striped Hosiery, fine summer weight, white with fancy Van-dyke stripes, the latest novelty in summer Hosiery. Regular value 40c. a pair. FRIDAY..... **30c**
Ladies' Very Fine White Cotton Vests, with short and long sleeves, high and low neck, daintily trimmed. Regular value 35c. each. FRIDAY..... **25c**

HUNDREDS OF OTHER BARGAINS AID. OVER THE STORE.

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Has now become a fixture, and every spring we may look forward to seeing fashionable and well-dressed Victoria gathered at this, the most festive event of the year.

Months ago the stately dames and their beautiful daughters ordered handsome gowns for the occasion, but it is the habit of man to put off the matter of new clothes until the very last moment.

The Victoria man has found that he can step in at the Fit Reform Wardrobe, select just the sort of coat, trousers or suit he wants in his particular size and shape, see exactly how it looks upon him, already made up, have the few little changes made, if any are necessary, and the new suit comes home the same night. The material and furnishings, fit and style just as good, and the price only half what a good tailor would charge.

Suits and Overcoats, \$10 to \$30
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

DECIDED TO PRINT ALL THE EVIDENCE

Mr. McPhillips and Mr. Houston Exchanged Contentious in the House Yesterday Afternoon.

After the presentation of the report of the royal commission in the House yesterday afternoon, Premier Prior stated that the government was prepared to answer the questions on the order paper.

Several were asked to stand over. When Mr. Curtis inquired a series, the first of which was: "Is the government aware that the contractor or architect is allowing aliens, brought in for the purpose, to do decorative work on Government House, when there are residents of the province thoroughly capable of doing the work?"

The Chief Commissioner objected that the questions were out of order, inasmuch as they made statements contrary to fact.

Mr. Curtis took exception to this construction being put upon it. Mr. McPhillips also supported this contention.

Premier Prior held that an opinion was expressed in the question.

The Speaker ruled the question out of order inasmuch as a fact was stated.

Mr. Oliver asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions: 1. How many applications for coal and oil prospecting licenses in blocks 4,503 and 4,504, Southeast Kootenay, are made by agents claiming to be acting for the applicants? 2. Have the agents signing the above applications satisfied the government that they were duly authorized to sign the above mentioned applications? 3. What steps, if any, do the government intend to take to ascertain if the applications by agents are or are not fraudulent? 4. Is it the intention of the government to recognize the claim to priority of location by the discoverer of coal oil in Southeast Kootenay?

The Chief Commissioner asked that these stand over.

Mr. Oliver thought that the questions had been long enough on the order paper for a reply to be forthcoming.

Mr. Tatlow asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions: 1. Is it the intention of the government to make any alteration in the lands reserved for the Island Power Co., Ltd., as defined in last B. C. Gazette? 2. Has any provision for renewal of special timber licenses been made in the agreement with said company? 3. If not, why not?

Hon. Mr. Wells replied as follows: "1. Yes. 2. Such a provision is unnecessary as the reservation does not include lands covered by special timber licenses. 3. Answered by reply to No. 2."

Capt. Tatlow asked leave to introduce the following resolution: "That an order of the House be granted for a return of all agreements, orders-in-council and correspondence relating to the reservation of lands for the Island Power Co., Ltd."

In doing so he said that he was not satisfied with the reply of the Chief Commissioner. He had noticed that the Island Power Company had sold out to an English company. This put another phase on it and he thought that something should be done to protect the country. The company had got an area far in excess of what was allowed to be given. He understood the lands were not what are generally understood as public lands. There was a possibility that these were timber lands obtained under pulp limits in order to avoid the increased rental.

Hon. Mr. Wells said that the application was made by Mr. Farrell, of Vancouver. It had been understood that a mistake had been made and a larger area had been included in the bounds than that allowed. The agreement provided for 100 square miles. When it was discovered that something was wrong Mr. Farrell was communicated with and would arrive to-night, when the matter would be decided.

John Oliver thought that a matter of having granted a lease of 600 square miles for a 100 square mile one required some looking into. He moved an adjournment of the debate.

H. D. Helmcken proposed as an amendment that the maps should also be produced. In the meantime the lease should be cancelled. He was satisfied the government would consent to this. Mr. Oliver withdrew his amendment. Mr. McPhillips thought that it was most unfortunate that the government had made such a mistake at this time. Premier Prior said that Mr. Gore admitted that the mistake had been made by himself. The government was not to be held responsible for this.

Capt. Tatlow asked that provision be made to protect present holders of logging licenses.

The resolution was carried as amended by Mr. Helmcken.

Premier Prior, referring to an article in the Columbian implicating the government in the timber license matter, disclaimed knowledge of any of the men in the company, with the exception of Mr. Farrell, with whom he had not had 500 words.

Mr. D. Clifford announced that the select committee inquiring into the Columbia & Western subsidy matter would not be able to report before the 20th. He suggested that an order of the House might be made and the printing of the evidence before the committee might be proceeded with at once.

Mr. Helmcken asked that no agreement be entered into with the Island Pulp Company until the papers had all been brought down to the House.

The Provincial Secretary said that the King's printer informed him that it would take two months in order to print the evidence before the committee.

A. E. McPhillips wanted the evidence printed even if they had to go to an outside office. He thought it should be printed.

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CLOSING SITTINGS OF CONFERENCE

FINAL DRAFT BY STATIONING COMMITTEE

The Changes Which Have Been Made
Throughout the Province—Yes-
terday's Proceedings.

The final session of the Methodist conference was held yesterday afternoon, the chair being occupied by the president, Rev. James Turner. Numerous reports were received and adopted without discussion. The final draft of the stationing committee was received, considered and finally adopted.

The travelling expenses committee reported that the disbursements this year had been \$410.40. It was recommended that probationers be allowed half of the travelling expenses this year, and that all delegates must attend the sessions of the conference four days in order to participate in the benefits of this fund. The report was adopted.

Dr. Whittington moved that a standing committee on travelling expenses to conference be appointed. Carried. The committee follows: Dr. Whittington, Prof. Sippell and R. W. Harris.

A committee to confer with the directors of the Methodist Recorder on the advisability of conference taking that journal over as its official organ was appointed as follows: Rev. James Turner, Rev. A. M. Sandford, A. E. Green, T. H. Pearson, S. Johns and D. Spencer.

The committee having in hand the matter of Sabbath observance expressed hearty sympathy with the work being done by the "Lord's Day Alliance," and endorsed its efforts in trying to secure better legislation for the preservation of the day of rest, and expressed strong disapproval of the unnecessary operation of public conveyances of all kinds upon the Sabbath Day, thus affording greater facilities for Sunday excursions, hunting and fishing parties, etc. It was recommended that "as far as practicable Saturday afternoon be set apart as a half holiday for recreation and the development of our social life, and further that sermons be preached in all our churches urging our people to do all in their power to keep the day inviolate, and to see that it is devoted to the use for which it is intended." This was adopted unanimously.

The contingent fund committee's report was received and adopted. Rev. J. H. White was elected conference representative to the missionary board.

Rev. J. H. Morrison moved a vote of thanks to the friends of conference delegates in Victoria who had so royally and generously entertained them during the annual assembly. Passed.

Rev. John Robson moved that the thanks of conference be extended to the trustees of the Metropolitan church for the use of the building, to the ladies of the Methodist churches for their kind entertainment at luncheons, to the choir for its rendering of excellent music, and to Mr. Gideon Hicks, the choir leader. This carried unanimously.

Rev. T. W. Hall moved that the hearty and cordial thanks of conference be extended to the press of Victoria for the reports of the proceedings and the copies donated. Carried.

It was decided that the next conference will be held in New Westminster on the third Tuesday in May. Rev. E. E. Scott addressed the conference.

The station list final draft was then submitted as follows:

The Victoria District.
Victoria—Metropolitan, Elliott S. Rowe, D. D.; John P. Hicks, chaplain to Wesleyans in H. M. forces at Esquimalt, by permission of conference; Geo. W. Dean, superannuated; Centennial, Jas. P. Westman, Victoria West, S. S. Osterhout, Ph. D.; James Hay, Charles F. Connor, Chinese Mission, one to be sent (under Supt. Metropolitan).

Saanich—T. H. Wright.
Owichean—Wm. C. Schlichter.
Salt Spring Island—A. E. Stevenson.
Ladysmith and Extension—W. Gordon Tanner, B. A. C. M. College.
Nanaimo—Wallace St., Albert M. Sandford, B. A. Halliburton, St. Robert Hughes.
Nanaimo (Chinese Mission)—One to be sent (under Supt. of Wallace street).

Cumberland—W. D. Miesner, Fred. S. Okell to attend Victoria College.
The Vancouver District.
Vancouver—Wesley church, Walter E. Prescott, B. A.; Cornelius Bryant, superannuated; Prince of Peace, Alfred E. Green, Chinese Mission, one to be sent (under Supt. Sixth Ave.) Japanese Mission, including Sapperton and Rosetown, Goro Kaburagi—Scandinavian Mission, C. N. Hauge.
Richmond—Edith Manning.
Maple Ridge and Agassiz—W. Lashley Hall.
Mission City—James Hicks.
Victoria Japanese—Uchida Oyama (under Supt. G. Kaburagi).

Cumberland Japanese Mission—Under Supt. G. Kaburagi, E. R. Scott, under order of transfer; W. G. Mahon to attend C. M. College.
The Yukon District.
Dawson—Wm. H. Barracough, B. A. Duncan Creek—One to be sent.
Tombstone Creek—F. A. Magee.
Sulphur Creek—One to be sent.
Atlin—One wanted.

The Westman District.
New Westminster—Queen's avenue, Geo. H. Morden; Wilford J. Sippell, B. A. B. D., principal C. M. College, by permission of conference; T. D. Pearson, superannuated; J. P. Howell, superannuated.
West End, H. Hedley Balderston, B. A. Sapperton, to be supplied from College, under superintendency of principal of College, Chinese Mission, one to be sent (T. C. T. under Supt. Queen's avenue).

Ladysmith—Arthur S. Miller.
Cloverdale and Langley—Robert Wilkinson (C. H.).
Chilliwack—Thomas W. Hall (Jos. Hall, principal Cossaleeta Institute, by permission of conference; J. A. Chas. Whitaker, to be supplied from College, under superintendency of principal of College, Chinese Mission, one to be sent (T. C. T. under Supt. Queen's avenue).

The Kamloops District.
Kamloops—A. E. Hetherington, B. A. B. D.; Jas. Turner, president of conference, superannuated; Jas. H. White, local Supt. missions, Kamloops Chinese Mission, to be supplied under Supt. R. Thompson River—To be supplied.
Nicola—John S. Fyfe.
Salmon Arm—Jas. A. Wood.
Revelstoke—Chas. Ladner.
Trout Lake City—A. K. Sharp.
Golden—H. B. Laidley.
Enderby—Arthur E. Roberts; J. E. Rosoman, superannuated.

The West Kootenay District.
Nelson—W. W. Baer.
Fair—One to be sent W. E. McN. (under Supt. Nelson).
Kaslo—Samuel J. Green.
Anseworth—To be supplied.
Ladysmith—John H. Wright.
Members in B. C. not elsewhere enrolled—Local Supt. Missions.

The East Kootenay District.
Cranbrook—Samuel J. Thompson.
Mojave—Richard E. S. Taylor (under Supt. Cranbrook).
Kimberley—One to be sent (J. D.), under Supt. Cranbrook.

Princeton—Geo. H. Robson, B. A. McPherson—Geo. E. Smith, S. T. L. Michalopoulos—E. Marshall (under Supt. Princeton).
Trail—One to be sent (under Supt. Rossland).
Grand Forks—John F. Betts.
Greenwood—John D. P. Knox.
Fremont—Thomas Green, H. A. (under Supt. Greenwood); Geo. K. Bradshaw to attend Victoria College; J. A. Seymour to attend Columbia College.

The Indian District.
R. Whittington, M.A., D.D., chairman of Indian District, to reside at Vancouver.
Naas River—Robert A. Spencer.
Sikong—Sikong—Sikong, S. Freeman.
Skidegate, Q. C. L.—One to be sent.
Port Essington—Dennis Jennings.
Kitseash—To be visited from Ft. Eslington.
Kitseash—Native agent—L. G. (under chairman).

Hawley—To be visited from Hazelton.
Hazelton—H. C. Wm. M. D. (C. M. College), medical missionary.
Hartley Bay—Missionary teacher—G. B. (under chairman).
Kishlak—Wm. H. Pierce.
Klappan—Geo. H. Baker.
Kilgus—To be visited from Kitimat.
China Hat—George Edgar.
Klappan—To be supplied, native agent (under chairman).

Bella Coosa—John C. Spencer, M. D. B. A.; B. A. Richard W. Large, M. D. (C. M. College), medical missionary.
Rivers Inlet—Native agent—P. R. (under chairman).
Cape Mudge—Missionary teacher—R. J. W. (under chairman).
Lower Fraser—Thos. Crosby, Sards; native agent (Cape J.).
Nanaimo—Missionary teacher—E. N. (under chairman).
Cowichan Tribes—Chas. M. Tate, Duncans.

Victoria—Lay Agent—(W. H. G.), under chairman.
Nitinat—William J. Stone, Cloose.
In the first draft Rev. W. W. Baer, of Nanaimo, was placed at Fernie, but according to the final draft he goes to Nelson. Rev. Mr. Robson was placed at Vancouver according to the first draft, but the revised list puts him at Fernie. Rev. Mr. Sandford, of Roseland, goes to Nanaimo and Rev. F. Stillman to Rossland.

Among reports which have been adopted by the conference were those on the work of the Columbian College, on missions and circuits and state of the work. The following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this annual conference expresses its gratification that the government of Canada has seen fit as a part of their functions to recognize the widespread and devastating conflict between capital and labor within the bounds of the province of British Columbia, and further, that we express our satisfaction that a commission has been appointed to investigate the cause and causes of these conflicts. This conference further expresses its confidence in the commissioners and prays that their investigations and report may result in such legislation as shall remove all cause of strife between masters and men."

The report of the committee on education was presented by Rev. John Robson.

B. A. It recommended that the following attend college: E. S. Okell, Victoria College, Toronto; W. G. Mahon, Columbian College; G. R. B. Kenney, Columbian College; J. A. Seymour, Columbian College; G. K. Bradshaw, Victoria College, Toronto.

Rev. Dr. Rowe, Rev. Dr. Whittington and Rev. Dr. Robson were appointed a standing committee on religious instruction in schools. It was recommended: (a) That the teacher in the public schools open with the Lord's Prayer; (b) that the teacher be required to read portions from the Word of God from the book of selections prepared by the Ontario government.

Rev. T. H. Wright moved a resolution expressing appreciation at the splendid work done by Columbian College during the past term. It carried unanimously.

Rev. W. J. Sippell, B. A.; seconded by Rev. J. Robson, moved "that this conference desires to place on record its gratitude to Almighty God for the preservation of the life of our beloved brother Bryant, the first member of our church in British Columbia, and prays that he may long be spared to the church in which he has labored so zealously and long."

VERY SUCCESSFUL GATHERING
Was the Convention of Pacific Coast Congress of Congregational Churches in Seattle.

The Pacific coast congress of Congregational churches, which held last week in Seattle, was attended by about 200 delegates, and was one of the most successful gatherings ever held on the coast. Papers of great value were read each by prominent men of the denomination, while every morning and evening Rev. Campbell Morgan, of the Northfield extension movement, gave addresses.

Each morning he gave an expository lecture on the Minor Prophets to an audience of about 900 people, which filled every seat in Plymouth church. In the evening his addresses were of a more general nature, and the people of Seattle testified to their appreciation of them by crowding the church to its utmost capacity, while hundreds were unable to get in.

On Sunday evening he addressed an audience of over three thousand in the Armory, and throughs who could not get seats were turned away.

At the concluding lecture on Saturday morning he was invited to return to Seattle next year on his visit to the coast, but he could not say whether or not he could accept. Other addresses, which were much enjoyed, were given by Dr. C. R. Brown, of Oakdale, Cal.; Dr. J. K. McLean, president of Pacific Seminary, Berkeley, Cal.; and Dr. Amory H. Bradford, president of the National Council of Congregational churches, whose home is in Montclair, New Jersey. The congress will meet three years hence in Los Angeles.

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Victoria, B. C., May, 1903.
(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
1	4:42.8	12.12	0.9	20.23	7.4	18.10	1.1	21.12
2	4:40.6	12.08	1.2	20.14	7.5	18.01	1.2	21.03
3	4:38.4	12.04	1.5	20.05	7.6	17.52	1.3	20.54
4	4:36.2	12.00	1.8	19.56	7.7	17.43	1.4	20.45
5	4:34.0	11.56	2.1	19.47	7.8	17.34	1.5	20.36
6	4:31.8	11.52	2.4	19.38	7.9	17.25	1.6	20.27
7	4:29.6	11.48	2.7	19.29	8.0	17.16	1.7	20.18
8	4:27.4	11.44	3.0	19.20	8.1	17.07	1.8	20.09
9	4:25.2	11.40	3.3	19.11	8.2	16.98	1.9	20.00
10	4:23.0	11.36	3.6	19.02	8.3	16.89	2.0	19.91
11	4:20.8	11.32	3.9	18.93	8.4	16.80	2.1	19.82
12	4:18.6	11.28	4.2	18.84	8.5	16.71	2.2	19.73
13	4:16.4	11.24	4.5	18.75	8.6	16.62	2.3	19.64
14	4:14.2	11.20	4.8	18.66	8.7	16.53	2.4	19.55
15	4:12.0	11.16	5.1	18.57	8.8	16.44	2.5	19.46
16	4:09.8	11.12	5.4	18.48	8.9	16.35	2.6	19.37
17	4:07.6	11.08	5.7	18.39	9.0	16.26	2.7	19.28
18	4:05.4	11.04	6.0	18.30	9.1	16.17	2.8	19.19
19	4:03.2	11.00	6.3	18.21	9.2	16.08	2.9	19.10
20	4:01.0	10.96	6.6	18.12	9.3	15.99	3.0	19.01
21	3:58.8	10.92	6.9	18.03	9.4	15.90	3.1	18.92
22	3:56.6	10.88	7.2	17.94	9.5	15.81	3.2	18.83
23	3:54.4	10.84	7.5	17.85	9.6	15.72	3.3	18.74
24	3:52.2	10.80	7.8	17.76	9.7	15.63	3.4	18.65
25	3:50.0	10.76	8.1	17.67	9.8	15.54	3.5	18.56
26	3:47.8	10.72	8.4	17.58	9.9	15.45	3.6	18.47
27	3:45.6	10.68	8.7	17.49	10.0	15.36	3.7	18.38
28	3:43.4	10.64	9.0	17.40	10.1	15.27	3.8	18.29
29	3:41.2	10.60	9.3	17.31	10.2	15.18	3.9	18.20
30	3:39.0	10.56	9.6	17.22	10.3	15.09	4.0	18.11
31	3:36.8	10.52	9.9	17.13	10.4	15.00	4.1	18.02

The time used in Pacific standard for the 120 Meridian west of Greenwich is counted from 9 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. For time of high water add 14 minutes to H. W. at Victoria.

Esquimalt (at Dry Dock). From observations taken during six months, May 1 to October, compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. F. N. Denison.

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor.

Fire has devastated the mining town of Little Bay, Nfld., where a large copper mine is being worked, three churches with the clergyman's residence, the mine company's stores, the government buildings and forty dwellings were destroyed. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000. 250 persons are homeless and relief is being forwarded by the authorities.

GROWTH OF THE TROLLEY.

In Massachusetts last year, four times as many passengers were carried by electric cars as on the steam roads. Of course, that was due chiefly to the dense city traffic, but still the city street car systems were pretty complete seven years ago, and the trolley passenger business has doubled since that time, while the steam passenger business has actually declined. The electric mileage of the state has increased by from 9 to 18 per cent. every year since 1894. In 1901 the increase was 24.7 miles. In the same year the length of steam lines was reduced by 1.30 miles.

In Connecticut, where there are no very large cities to inflate the trolley figures, and where one great steam railroad system is supposed to be the feudal proprietor of the entire state, there were 20 per cent. more passengers on the electric lines in 1900 than on the steam roads. — S. E. Moffett, in McClure's.

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Victoria, B. C., May 15th, 1903.

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E. S. Ufford, whose name has become famous for the number of temperance and sacred songs he has composed, is paying the city a visit, and Victorians will have an opportunity this evening in Calvary Baptist church of listening to him as a lecturer, a singer and whistler. Mr. Ufford is on a tour of the world. He came over from Whistler last evening, and from here will proceed to Vancouver, where he will speak before the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday. Afterwards he returns to California where he has already spent some time since leaving home in Holyoke, near Boston, and embarking at San Francisco will sail for Honolulu and thence to the Orient. With Victoria he has been particularly impressed, and when relating the story of his travels to the Eastern press promises to mention some of the charms of this city.

Being the possessor of a good baritone voice and a whistling artist as well, Mr. Ufford is a capital entertainer. Tonight he will sing among other selections the "Life Line," which he composed 17 years ago, and a favorite of Rev. Dr. Moody, the well known evangelist. Mr. Ufford will illustrate the song. He will whistling the "Mocking Bird," and among other selections will be "The Gospel Ship" and "The Motorman's Song," both of which he composed himself. These, it is said, have attained considerable popularity.

Former President Kruger arrived at Paris on Wednesday from Montreal, on his way to Holland, and received a sympathetic welcome from a small crowd of friends, who boarded the train at the station. Mr. Kruger said he expected to return to France next year. Mr. Kruger spoke in a strong voice, and seemed to be in fairly good health.

Montreal steamship companies still report unprecedented heavy bookings to Canada. They say it is not merely the number but the class of immigrants that is noteworthy. A large proportion are middle class people, who have enough money of their own to pay fares from within three to five years.



Mrs. Fairbanks tells how neglect of warning symptoms will soon prostrate a woman. She thinks woman's safeguard is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, leucorrhoea, displacement, etc., remember, there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

STILL SEEKING FOR THE FACTS

(Continued from page 1.)

asked as to the reference to the mutual friendship between Mr. Wells and the C. P. R. as referred to in the report to Sir Thomas. He wanted to know if favors passed mutually between the two. Mr. Brown thought it referred to a friendly feeling existing between Mr. Wells and Sir Thomas.

The report transmitted to Sir Thomas was a confidential one, Mr. Brown said, to his chief. It was prepared very shortly after the meeting took place. He did not pretend to say that it was word perfect. All that was recorded in it, however, was true. It was an accurate report as far as he could remember.

At one time during the meeting Mr. Wells went out of the room, while this meeting was in progress, and Mr. Prentice went after him to bring him back. This was when the meeting got "hot."

Mr. McCaul then cross-examined Mr. Brown. The witness said that as far as his recollection served him the report of the meeting and also of the interview with Mr. Wells in the Driford were correct.

He must have got the copy of the bill submitted to Sir Thomas on 15th May from the King's printer. He did not remember showing it to Mr. Wells before sending it to Sir Thomas.

He knew of no special favors which Mr. Wells had received from the company. He knew of no reduction in freight rates or anything of that kind.

In the interview in the Driford with Mr. Wells the latter protested against the construction being put upon his remarks that he as a member of the government would assist in getting these two blocks of land for the 4th section. Mr. Wells, however, said he would use his influence personally to get it.

Mr. Helmecken in his examination asked:

"Do you still remain in doubt as to the maternity of bill 87?" "Yes," replied Mr. Brown.

"If bill 87 had gone through there would have been no trouble about the cancellation," asked Mr. Helmecken. "I don't know that," replied Mr. Brown.

In reply to Mr. McPhillips, witness said that Mr. Wells assuredly gave him a promise that the company would be reinstated in these two blocks of land. He would not say that bill 87 was for that purpose. The company's contention was that it had a right to this land. The political exigencies might prevent its being carried out, but that the company did not give up its rights. "Mr. Wells gave me his assurance that he would use his influence to give the company these blocks."

Mr. Wells gave him that assurance the day previous to the cancellation order in his (Mr. Wells) own room. Apparently by the telegram sent by him he had some uncertainty about its being a bona fide assurance. He cautioned his president that it might be meaningless.

In getting the best bargain possible for his company he probably took the precaution to have provision made in bill 87 that these blocks of land might be claimed by his company under it.

In reply to Mr. McCaul he said that Mr. Wells in promising to use his influence in getting these two blocks of land told him he would do the best he could to get these lands when the matter came up as a subject of negotiations.

Mr. McCaul asked if Mr. Wells did not promise this upon the condition that he should withdraw the claim for a subsidy for section 4.

Mr. Brown said that he had no recollection of any such proposal by Mr. Wells.

Mr. Green wanted to know if witness ever represented the Pacific Coal Co.

Mr. Brown said he never did have anything to do with that company.

Mr. Green asked Mr. Brown to account for the break in the correspondence from 1898 to 14th March, 1902. Mr. Brown could not offer any explanation.

The committee then adjourned until the afternoon.

It was decided this morning as a matter of convenience to put into the evidence the report sent by Mr. Brown to Sir Thomas as to the executive meeting, which appeared in yesterday's Times, together with the following memorandum, which explains itself:

Memorandum made in room 58, Driford hotel, Victoria, at 9.55 p. m., 27th March, 1902, of a conversation between Hon. W. C. Wells and myself in the office of the Driford a few minutes previous.

Was in the office paying hotel bill when was addressed by Mr. Wells, who had come into office from direction of bar. The following conversation ensued:

Wells—Hello, George, are you going up tonight?

Brown—Yes.

Wells—When are you coming back?

Brown—Don't know; possibly not again this session.

Wells—I want to see you about those two letters you wrote me. I think you'll have to withdraw them, George.

Brown—I don't know why, Mr. Wells. I only stated facts.

Wells—Yes, George, but you treat of things I said to you in my private capacity and not as a member of the government. You had no right to.

Brown—Did you not say to me what I repeated in my letter?

Wells—Yes, but only in my private capacity. I would not have the government brought in.

Brown—It is difficult to distinguish when twaddled and when twaddled.

Wells—If you won't withdraw them, I must reply in my capacity as a member of the government. I think you take advantage of my friendship for your company.

Brown—You're a queer way of showing it. However, Mr. Wells, I'm not going to bother further. I have reported fully to the president and the burden of bad faith must rest where it is.

Wells—But don't you see that it is a mistake?

Brown—No, I cannot say that I do. Even in the last proposal you try in your letter of the 21st to tag on other conditions, or rather you make or endeavor to make the carrying out of a firm pledge of the Premier's, as to the 4th section, conditional upon our accepting your proposal.

Wells—No, that's not the intention. The

4th section bill is one thing, and the new proposal another.

Brown—I am glad to hear it.

Wells—Well, will you not withdraw your letter?

Brown—I cannot see how I can.

Wells—I will not impose myself with C. P. R., Mr. Brown.

Brown—What do you mean?

Wells—If they don't want my friendship then I must do without it.

Brown—I think you have nothing to complain of on that score.

Wells—Yes, I know that you have been very kind to me, but you should not ask me to defeat the government.

Brown—I don't, but do think we were not treated equally. You act without giving the company a show for its ally.

Wells—But we were up against it and had to; the delay were all in your interest.

Brown—The results hardly prove it. However, if you don't intend to keep faith I don't care what you do.

Wells—I'm sorry that you won't withdraw your letter.

Brown—I am sorry that I feel I cannot.

Wells—Brown—Good night.

Note—The last three or four questions were in the hall leading to the elevator and in the elevator. At the first door Wells got out. I went on to my room where I at once made this memo.

Note—After reading the above half-an-hour after writing I found that I had quoted a statement by Mr. Wells that he had told T. G. S. that he had thought the delivery of the grants would defeat the government, and that if he found it so he would not make delivery. I replied that it was a strange thing that T. G. S. had not said something to me about it.

GEO. M. P.

The following communication from Mr. Brown to Hon. Mr. Wells has been alluded to several times in the evidence. It is among the papers produced by Sir Thomas, and is closely connected with those handed in by Mr. Wells some time ago:

Vancouver, April 13th, 1902.

Dear Mr. Wells—On my return to Vancouver on Friday last I received your favor of the 3rd inst. In it you refer to my letter of 23rd March. I assumed that your letter is really intended in acknowledgment of mine of the 22nd ultimo, and on the correctness of that assumption I now write you. It would be in accord with you that my reference to your conversation of the 19th March was uncalculated for could I admit its inaccuracy, but this I cannot do. Your explanation, that the government proposed to convey to the company "alternate blocks, etc.," in settlement of the third section subsidy in lieu of the land granted under that settlement, already reached (this you confirmed in writing) I accepted as an intimation of the government's intention. In all else you said to me (with the exception to the fourth section legislation to be introduced) I recognized that you spoke in your individual capacity. If not using the actual term, your explanations certainly conveyed to me the intention that "political expediency" necessitated the government's course. If not that, what was it? You will remember that subsequently I repeated to the full cabinet that that reason had been assigned, and on asking the confirmation of the cabinet it was tacitly given, nor was my assertion in any way questioned.

In reference to the paragraph in your letter, "I would have no authority to commit the government, etc.," I may say that with the exception of your ministerial assurances respecting the fourth section subsidy bill and your statement of the government's proposal in respect to the third section, I did not for a moment look upon anything else you said as in any way committing the government, but merely as an expression of your intention to exercise your personal efforts to the end explained. I, of course, could take no other meaning from your personal assurances, and it would have been ridiculous to have accepted them as an expression of the fixed intention of the government.

All that the last paragraph in your letter permit me to say that it is not a "proposed settlement," but an "actual settlement," partially carried out which has been set aside.

Your meaning in the last few lines of your letter is not clear. "In any case you could not expect the government to carry out." No one could expect the government to do something impossible to be done. This statement is obviously correct, but what meaning do you wish me to draw from it?

Yours truly,

Hon. W. C. Wells, Victoria, B. C.

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R. M. S. Aorangi sails for Australia on the 29th inst.

BORN.

BRADLEY—At Nelson on May 15th, the wife of W. W. Bradley, of a daughter.

DIED.

ANGUS—At his late residence, "Elchmore," Belcher street, on the 19th inst. James Angus, a native of Bathgate, Scotland, aged 70 years.

Funeral from his late residence on Friday at half-past two.

No flowers.

CHARLES—At the family residence, 210 Fort street, on the 21st inst. William Charles (late inspecting chief factor Hudson's Bay Company), a native of Winnipeg, Manitoba, aged 72 years.

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